

## Senate Resolution 1038

By: Senators Rogers of the 21st and Golden of the 8th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Mike O'Brien on the occasion of his retirement; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Mike O'Brien has long been recognized for his ability to cultivate talented  
4 young athletes and his deep personal commitment to the education of the future leaders of  
5 this state; and

6 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted his time, talents, and energy for  
7 the past 41 years to challenging players on the football field and inspiring students in the  
8 classroom; and

9 WHEREAS, during his over four decades coaching football at Valdosta and Woodstock High  
10 Schools, Coach O'Brien amassed an incredible career record of 112 wins, 54 losses, and one  
11 tie; and

12 WHEREAS, under his leadership, Valdosta High School won the Georgia State  
13 Championship in 1998, three regional titles, and was state runner-up in 1996; and

14 WHEREAS, Coach O'Brien has been recognized with numerous awards and honors during  
15 his career, including being named GACA and GHSA State Coach of the Year in 1998 and  
16 Coach of the Year in 2009 by the Georgia state officials association; and

17 WHEREAS, although Woodstock High was facing a long losing streak when he started with  
18 the program in 2003, Coach O'Brien successfully reorganized the program in his first year,  
19 completing the season with a 5-5 record and leading the team to a state championship playoff  
20 game just two years later; and

21 WHEREAS, with an overall playoff record as a head coach of 19-8, Coach O'Brien has  
22 established a legacy and tradition of excellence in his football programs and though he will

23 be sorely missed upon his retirement, the amazing influence he has had upon his players and  
24 students will be ever-present.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
26 commend Mr. Mike O'Brien for his over four decades of sacrifice, foresight,  
27 accomplishment, and contributions on behalf of education in Georgia and for the positive  
28 influence he has had upon the lives and futures of countless young people in this state,  
29 congratulate him upon the grand occasion of his retirement, and extend to him sincere best  
30 wishes for many years of health and happiness in the future.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
32 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Mike O'Brien.